

CALL FOR CLINICAL SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

WEB POSTING

Project Title:

MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measures

Dates:

The Clinical Subcommittee nomination period opens on **March 17, 2017** and closes on **April 17, 2017**. Please submit all nomination materials by the closing date.

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Acumen, LLC to develop care episode and patient condition groups for use in cost measures to meet the requirements of the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015* (MACRA). The contract name is “MACRA Episode Groups and Cost Measures.” The contract number is HHSM-500-2013-13002I, Task Order HHSM-500-T00002. As part of its measure development process, CMS asks contractors to convene groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during cost measure development and maintenance.

Project Objectives:

The project’s overall objective is to develop episode-based cost measures suitable for potential use in the Quality Payment Program. Previously, Acumen convened a Clinical Committee comprised of more than 70 clinical experts from over 50 professional societies that convened from August – September 2016. This Committee provided input on identifying a candidate list of episode groups for development and in determining the billing codes that trigger each episode group. The clinical review and recommendations obtained from the Clinical Committee were used to inform the [draft list of episode groups and trigger codes posted by CMS in December 2016](#) for public comment.

The Clinical Subcommittees that will be convened through this Call for Nominations build off of the work of the August – September 2016 Clinical Committee. Each Clinical Subcommittee will focus on a set of procedural and acute inpatient medical episode groups relevant to a particular clinical area. Members from the August – September 2016 Clinical Committee can indicate their interest in participating in Clinical Subcommittees through the nomination form related to this Call for Nominations, but are not required to re-submit all original nomination materials.

Specific to these Clinical Subcommittees, the objectives are to:

- Refine episode triggers from the draft list of episode groups posted by CMS in December 2016
- Recommend what services should be included in episode costs

Requirements for Clinical Subcommittees:

The Clinical Subcommittees being convened in this Call for Nominations represent the first of multiple waves of Subcommittees that will be convened for this project. This Call for Nominations seeks nominees for the following seven Clinical Subcommittees: Gastrointestinal Disease Management - Medical and Surgical, Ophthalmologic Disease Management, Cardiovascular Disease Management, Musculoskeletal Disease Management - Non-Spine, Pulmonary Disease Management, Peripheral Vascular Disease Management, and Neuropsychiatric Disease Management.

Future Clinical Subcommittees under this project will be convened through separate nomination periods. Future Clinical Subcommittees for procedural and acute inpatient medical condition episode groups may include the following: Dermatologic Disease Management, Renal Disease Management, Oncologic Disease Management - Medical and Surgical, Pain Management, Urologic Disease Management, Musculoskeletal Disease Management – Spine, Infectious Disease Management, Endocrine Disease Management, Hematologic Disease Management, Head and Neck Disease Management, and Rheumatologic Disease Management. Future Clinical Subcommittees will also be convened to provide input on chronic condition episode groups. If you are interested in receiving updates regarding any of these future Subcommittees, please request to be added to a mailing list by providing your contact information [here](#).

Below are the procedural and acute inpatient medical condition episode groups assigned to each of the first wave of seven subcommittees, as well as the range of clinicians from whom we are seeking participation.

1. Gastrointestinal Disease Management - Medical and Surgical

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Cirrhosis & Alcoholic Hepatitis, Diagnostic Colonoscopy, Disorders Of The Biliary Tract, Esophagitis, Gastroent & Misc Digest Disorders, G.I. Hemorrhage, G.I. Obstruction, Hernia Repair (Femoral Or Inguinal), Hernia Repair (Incisional Or Ventral), Hiatal Hernia Repair, Major Gastrointestinal Disorders & Peritoneal Infections, Screening/Surveillance Colonoscopy

- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians:
Gastroenterology, Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Geriatric Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

2. Ophthalmologic Disease Management

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the following episode group: Routine Cataract Removal with Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implantation
- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians:
Ophthalmology, Optometry, Anesthesiology, Geriatric Medicine, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

3. Cardiovascular Disease Management

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Chest Pain, Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG), Coronary Thrombectomy, Heart Failure & Shock, Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD) Implantation, Left Heart Catheterization, Mitral Valve Procedure, Pacemaker Implantation, Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), Right Heart Catheterization, Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT) Ablation, Syncope & Collapse, Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Repair, Ventricular Tachycardia (VT) Ablation
- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians: Cardiology, Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiac Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, Diagnostic Radiology, Thoracic Surgery, Anesthesiology, Vascular Surgery, Critical Care (Intensivist), Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation, Emergency Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

4. Musculoskeletal Disease Management - Non-Spine

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Ankle Fracture (No Dislocation), Axial Decompression (Including Laminectomy), Bunionectomy, Femur Fracture Repair, Foot Fracture Or

Dislocation, Fractures Of Hip & Pelvis, Hand Fracture Or Dislocation, Hip Arthroplasty, Humerus Fracture Repair, Knee Ligament Repair/Reconstruction, Meniscus Repair, Pelvic Fracture Repair/Treatment, Repair Of Arm Muscle Tendons (Not Including Rotator Cuff), Repair Of Foot Tendon/Ligament, Repair Of Hand Tendon/Ligament, Rotator Cuff Repair, Tibia Or Fibula Fracture Repair / Treatment, Toe Repair, Total Knee Replacement, Treatment of Hip Fracture/Dislocation, Treatment Of Shoulder Joint Or Clavicle Fracture/Dislocation, Wrist Fracture Treatment / Repair

- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians: Orthopedic Surgery, Diagnostic Radiology, Podiatry, Sports Medicine, Hand Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Geriatric Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

5. Pulmonary Disease Management

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Pleural Effusion, Pulmonary Edema & Respiratory Failure, Pulmonary Embolism, Respiratory Infections & Inflammations, Respiratory System Diagnosis W Ventilator Support <96 Hours, Respiratory System Diagnosis W Ventilator Support >96 Hours, Septicemia Or Severe Sepsis W Mv >96 Hours, Simple Pneumonia & Pleurisy
- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians: Pulmonary Disease, Diagnostic Radiology, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care (Intensivist), Infectious Disease, Geriatric Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Nurse Practitioner, Preventive Medicine, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

6. Peripheral Vascular Disease Management

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Dialysis Access, Inferior Vena Cava Filter Placement, Lower Extremity Peripheral Vascular Disease Treatment, Procedure for Carotid Stenosis

- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians: Vascular Surgery, Cardiology, General Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, Interventional Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology, Anesthesiology, Geriatric Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Preventive Medicine, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

7. Neuropsychiatric Disease Management

- This Subcommittee will contribute to the development of one or more of the following episode groups: Intracranial Hemorrhage Or Cerebral Infarction, Poisoning & Toxic Effects Of Drugs, Psychoses, Seizures, Transient Ischemia
- We are seeking participation from clinicians involved in treating patients with these conditions, including but not limited to the following types of clinicians: Neurology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Diagnostic Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Neurosurgery, Neuropsychiatry, Psychiatry, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist, Psychologist, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Preventive Medicine, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Specialist

Desired qualifications of Clinical Subcommittee members include the following:

- Medical credentials relevant to the types of clinicians listed above
- Familiarity with medical coding (ICD-10, HCPCS/CPT, DRG)
- Board-certified or other professional certifications, as applicable
- Experience treating Medicare patients

We encourage specialty societies to nominate members for participation in the Subcommittees whose professional expertise and experience reflect some or all of the qualifications above.

Participation in the Clinical Subcommittees is voluntary. Unfortunately, Acumen is not able to reimburse members for their participation or expenses associated with any meetings (virtual or in-person). Each Clinical Subcommittee meeting will be recorded and transcribed for internal purposes only, with feedback summarized in a report posted to the CMS webpage.

All potential Clinical Subcommittee members should be able to commit to the anticipated timeframe needed to perform the functions of the Clinical Subcommittee.

Clinical Subcommittee Expected Time Commitment:

- Members of each Subcommittee are expected to meet for one half-day, in-person meeting in the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area in the first two weeks of June 2017.
- Each Subcommittee is also expected to meet for at least two subsequent follow-up meetings held via webinar between May and August 2017.
- Additional input will be sought from the Clinical Subcommittees in between meetings via tasks completed by subcommittee members independently through a web-based clinical input tool. Specifically, these tasks will include: (i) refining episode triggers for episode groups from the December 2016 draft list, and (ii) recommend what services should be included in episode costs

Required Information:

- A completed Clinical Subcommittee Nomination form submitted electronically through a web-based form located [here](#).
- A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages) highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development.
- Curriculum vitae or a summary of relevant experience for a maximum of 10 pages.

The Nomination form can be found at the link [here](#). If you have any questions about the Clinical Subcommittees, the nomination process, or this project generally, please e-mail macra-clinical-committee-support@acumenllc.com. If you would like to receive a 508-compliant PDF version of the nomination form for submission via-email, please email macra-clinical-committee-support@acumenllc.com to receive a blank form. If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, please complete the form by midnight, April 17, 2017.